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Dear Joshua

Mr. Norton Zinder can be recommended most highly, both on personal and academic grounds. The Pre-Medical Committee rating on him was very high, and Professor Charles Dawson (of the Chemistry Department), who is Chairman of the pre-medical advisors, is still trying to place him in medical school. Mr. Zinder has had the worst luck of any pre-medical student I can recall. The first year he applied he was told to his face at interviews that his record was good, but that he was too young to go to medical school! His second year he was caught in the GI jam, and missed out. However, Professor Dawson is determined to get him into medical school, and if Mr. Zinder is not diverted in the waiting interval, I am sure that Dawson will succeed. I feel sure that you will find him both intelligent and useful.

It was good to hear what had happened to you since those hectic days in '44, and I send you my congratulations and best wishes. I would have answered sooner, but Columbia's term has been over about a month, and it was only by chance that I got your letter as soon

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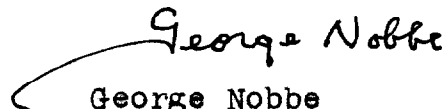
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as I did. I only hope that my reply will not reach  
you too late to be of some service to Mr. Zinder, who  
really deserves a break.

With kindest personal regards, I remain

Sincerely yours

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